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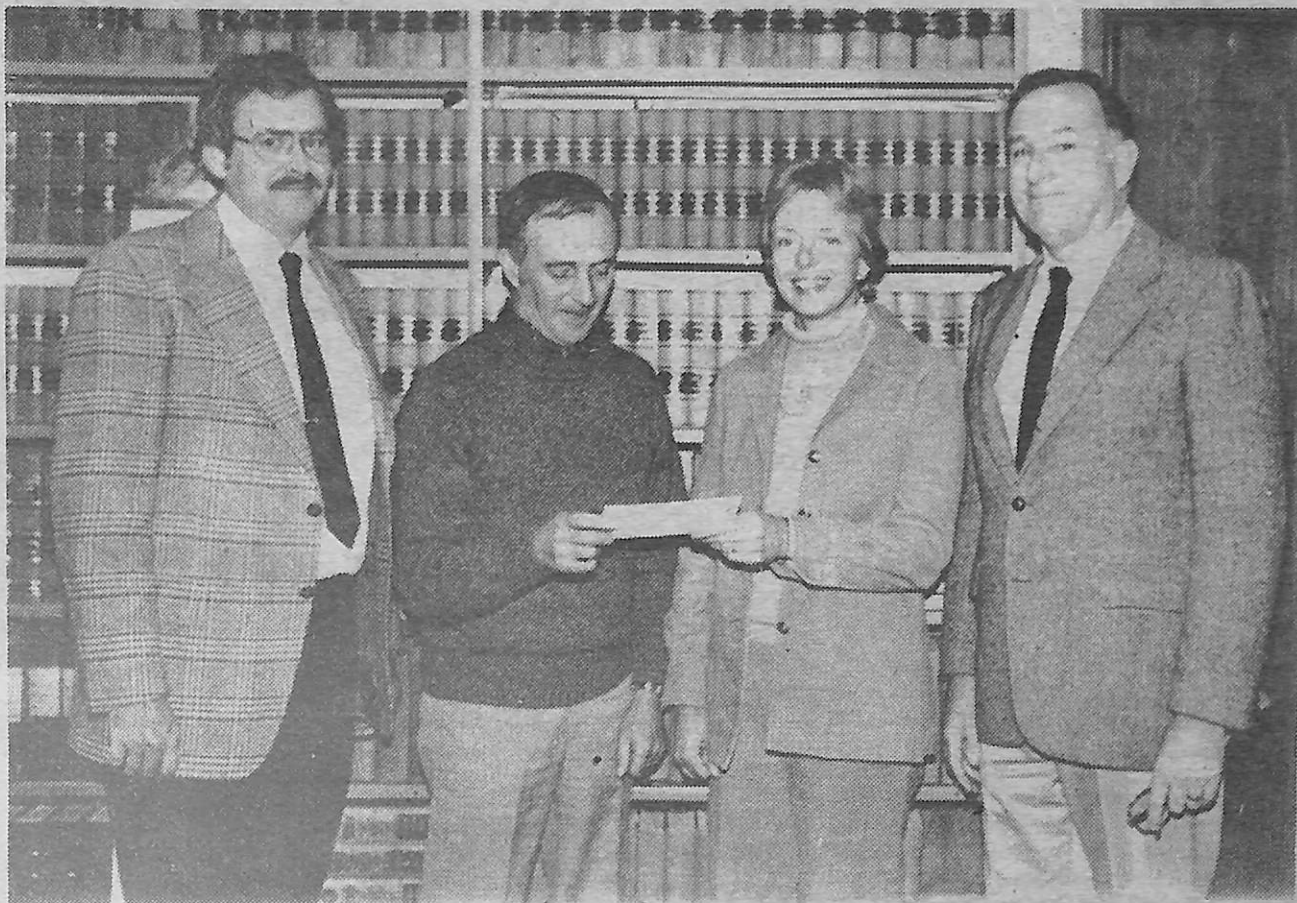
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Mrs. Dorothy Nelsen, second from right, Conservation Commission member, receives state grant for purchase of Ridgeview Park in Feeding Hills from Roy Goodreau of the Mass. Division of Conservation Services. Sharing in the occasion were Precinct 2 Councilor William Herd, left, and Town Manager Richard Bowen, right. Photo by Jack Devine.

Town Gets Conservation Grant

Conservation Commission member Dorothy Nelsen today announced the acquisition of a \$57,250 grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to reimburse the community for its purchase of Ridgeview Park in Feeding Hills.

In a brief ceremony at Town Hall, Ray Goodrough, a representative from the EOE's Boston branch, presented Mrs. Nelsen, Town Manager Richard Bowen and Precinct Two Councilor William Herd a check earmarked as a payback of the town's \$75,000 purchase of the parcel from local developer Frank Solitario earlier this year.

According to Mrs. Nelsen, a long-time Conservation Commission member, Solitario donated \$39,000 to the purchase.

The 40 acres of woodland are located between Provin Mountain Drive and North West Street and were appraised at \$114,000.

With the reimbursement, Mrs. Nelsen explained, the community expended \$17,750. The park has been utilized for passive recreation, such as hiking, since the transaction between the town and Solitario.

"I think the community should congratulate Mr. Solitario for his part in Ridgeview Park becoming a reality," Mrs. Nelsen said. "His contribution was a key to Town Council allocating the funds."

The Conservation Commission is currently responsible for watchdogging Ridgeview Park. Mrs. Nelsen said several boy scouts have constructed trails and adjoining bridges in the park and that a small pond and tabogganing area will be available for the coming winter.

Mrs. Nelsen said that the park may be under the Parks Department jurisdiction at some future point.

Town Council approved the project several years ago with the stipulation that Mrs. Nelsen be able to secure the federal grant to reimburse the proposed community outlay.

"It took us two years just to get all the state and federal guidelines met and then there was map-work and many photographs to take before the federal government would approve of releasing the funds," she related.

According to Mrs. Nelsen, several other areas of town are currently being reviewed by the Conservation Commission's land acquisition committee as possible sites for passive recreation.

She said that federal funds are available for such endeavors.

Mrs. Nelsen is also attempting to promote a development right program whereby the state allocates local farmers money to continue to work their farms to protect the farmland from development.

School Officials Ponder Cuts

At their meeting last Tuesday evening, Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert reported to the School Committee current efforts being made to evaluate the school department's situation insofar as reductions necessary due to passage of Proposition 2 1/2.

Hebert first pointed out that only speculation as to the actual dollar amount of reductions can be made until the Legislature hands down a specific figure. He and Business Manager James Coon are now estimating \$200,000 as the school department's share of a probable \$500,000-\$600,000 total loss of revenue to the town.

"We are in the process of going through every account in the budget to determine where each stands as to money spent and money left," Hebert explained. "Clearly, we will not be spending dollars in all areas for which they've been budgeted."

Hebert indicated that his prime concern is for students and individual staff members. He told board members that administrators would take a long, hard look at many areas before they recommended any reductions in professional staff.

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Fieldstad Suggests Council-School Meeting

Town Council President Paul Fieldstad today said that he will request a joint workshop meeting between the council and School Committee in or around the time the tax-cutting Proposition 2 1/2 becomes law on December 4.

Conduct Workshop

Fieldstad said the council may conduct a workshop of its own before the joint workshop with school committee members to discuss the various aspects of Proposition 2 1/2 which received a solid vote of support from the majority of Agawam and Bay State voters in last week's November 4 election.

A provision of Proposition 2 1/2 nixed fiscal autonomy enjoyed by municipal School Committees, including the local board.

"I think that before we do sit and talk with the School Committee we have to get out own house in order and find out exactly what alternatives we have," Fieldstad explained, "but it's not a bad idea to get the dialogue going with the school board."

Fieldstad said that several councilors have already stressed to him that the liaison committee between the council and school board, normally an informational vehicle during the budget period, must now evolve into a keen communication link-up between the school administrators, elected committee members and Town Manager Richard Bowen and the council.

Councilor Richard Theroux, a member of last year's liaison committee, concurred with Fieldstad that the council must initially discuss its own budget and options before entering into detailed dialogue with the school department.

"But I agree that it's a good idea to start talking with the school department. It's going to be a difficult budget year, I believe, so the more communication the better."

Council Vice-president William Herd, who last year acted as spokesman for the council's sub-committee on the school budget, said the committee which he has served for five years was "a token observation" group in the past, but now has inherited added importance by the passage of Proposition 2 1/2.

Vital Cog

Herd stressed that school committee members, despite losing their fiscal autonomy, remain a vital cog in next year's budget.

He said the last year's report on the school budget was generally favorable and that he will ask to be appointed to the committee when Fieldstad makes budget committee appointments in January.

Fieldstad maintains that the council must take a common sense approach to next year's budget sessions and that any "fat" on the budgets must be slashed to meet with the 2 1/2 mandate.

Remarked Fieldstad, "No one is saying that big employee layoffs are coming and it would be premature to say anything of the kind until we assess the situation. We want to stress responsibility and more efficiency in government."

He criticized State Senator Alan Sisitsky who last week proposed, but quickly withdrew a legislative move to repeal the tax-cutting measure.

"I think the taxpayers are now looking to municipal governments to attempt fairly to implement 2 1/2 and that's what I believe the council will do," Fieldstad commented.

Few councilors interviewed by the Advertiser/News expressed much hope that Beacon Hill would be able to bail out the cities and towns for the losses anticipated in car excise and property taxes.

Earlier this week, Town Manager Richard Bowen said the community may lose \$500,000 in excise tax revenue for fiscal 1981 and some \$2.4 million in tax revenue for fiscal 1982.

Bowen said increased charges for town and school services may be in order to maintain services for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

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Coon reported that principals have already been instructed to hold up on certain activities like field trips and that options on the use of school buildings and certain areas of transportation are now being investigated. Recommended areas for cuts in the current fiscal budget will be made to committee members beginning at their next meeting on November 25th.

Coon reminded the committee that Agawam will be receiving a refund of between \$30,000 to \$40,000 from the defunct Westover Occupational Resource Collaborative which will help to offset the school department's portion of necessary reductions. "But," cautioned Coon, "we won't be able to come up with \$200,000 without a real hard time."

A motion was passed unanimously by the board to send letters to Town Manager Richard Bowen and to Council President Paul Fieldstad indicating the board's willingness to share whatever financial burdens the town faces as a result of 2½ and to cooperate fully with them in resolving the crisis.

Results Of D.A.'s Investigation Sought

By Joanne Brown

School Committee member Thomas Ennis called for a public disclosure of District Attorney Matthew Ryan's findings in his investigation into alleged charges that the board violated the Open Meeting Law and misused their executive sessions.

At the committee's meeting last Tuesday, Ennis emphasized that he wanted the board to approach Ryan directly for the results of the investigation. Town resident Daniel Lacienski in August requested Ryan to try to determine whether the committee had, in fact, breached the law in violating the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law.

Ennis told his colleagues, "We're under a cloud until this issue of whether or not we broke the law is cleared up. I don't think I broke the law or that any of you did either, and I want it cleared up publicly."

Ennis insisted that any findings from Ryan be sent officially in writing and that these findings be publicized regardless of their content.

Ennis received support from fellow member Walter Balboni, who reported that he had been asked repeatedly what the committee was trying to "sweep under the rug."

Members Richard Borgatti and Roberta Doering were most vocal in urging that the committee first approach the District Attorney through their legal counsel, Attorney John Teahan.

Borgatti flatly stated, "I feel the accusers are do-nothings who aren't constructively involved in anything but causing trouble, and I don't want to get into an altercation with them because I feel I am above them."

The final consensus of the committee was to try for a response through Teahan and if no results were forthcoming, then to approach Ryan themselves.

Ennis terminated his remarks by once again stressing his desire for the results of the investigation to be submitted to the board in writing from the District Attorney.

DPW To Provide For Auto Oil Disposal

The Agawam Department of Public Works Superintendent John P. Stone wishes to announce that effective immediately the department will be providing a location for residents to dispose of used automotive oil in an environmentally safe manner.

Agawam residents may bring their used oil to the rear of the DPW garage at 1347 Main Street weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The mechanics on duty should be contacted and will offer assistance with the disposal.

More residents these days are changing their own motor oil and the disposal of the used oil is becoming an environmental problem. It cannot be disposed of with the household rubbish. It cannot be disposed in storm drains and catch basins as such actions are illegal and cause serious pollution problems in the towns waterways. Land application of the oil also results in a long term pollution problem.

The Interim Water Quality Management Plan for the Lower Pioneer Valley recognized the disposal of automotive waste oil as a problem in Agawam, a problem leading "to environmental degradation and a waste of a reusable natural resource."

The used oil will be collected in an underground tank at the DPW garage and sold to a waste oil reclaimer. The proceeds of the sale will go to the general fund of the Town of Agawam.



Frank Pignatere and friend, "Shokey" pump gas for "Rags".

\$4,000 Total Set For Rags Reward Fund

By Penny Stone

It has been ten days since Agawam's number one police dog, Rags, was shot and critically wounded during a routine police maneuver here and over \$3,500 has been donated to the cause of helping to apprehend the attackers. "People have been most generous and we really appreciate that," said Officer Norman Nardi, whose life may have been saved by the dog's actions.

Even as the injured dog lay on the operating table at Rowley Memorial Hospital, plans were drawn up to establish a fund to offer reward money to anyone with information which leads to the apprehension of the guilty party. "The Rags Fund" was set up at the Westfield Savings Bank on Main Street in town to make it easy for concerned townspeople to contribute to the cause. Donations were also being accepted at Police Headquarters.

While the now-famous dog has been steadily improving and has limited use of his hind legs, the donations have been pouring in. Nardi commented, "There are a lot of really nice people who want to show their concern." According to Nardi, these people have made large and small contributions.

Many are animal lovers who can easily appreciate the sense of loss to the department and especially to Nardi, who is the dog's owner, trainer, and partner. Contributions have been coming in accompanied by cards and letters from senior citizens, young children, and even household pets! One note is "marked" with a paw print and signed "Murphy the Beagle." A senior citizen from Holyoke gladly donated \$20 of her social security check.

Children have taken change from their banks to help out or have gone door-to-door collecting for the cause.

At the police station, calls are coming in from as far away as Los Angeles, Florida, and Texas. The callers indicate that they've seen the syndicated story in their local papers and would like to offer their support.

Within the community, others have rallied around the cause as well. School children have made cards and sent letters showing their concern. Frank Pignatere's Service Station at 395 Main Street is offering a penny to the fund for every gallon of gas purchased. According to Pignatere, Rags once caught a man who stole one of his trucks.

Harry Camyre, branch manager at the Westfield Savings Bank, said the response has been "unbelievable." Checks have come in from all over Massachusetts and Vermont, as well. They've received a few \$100 donations, though the average contributions is \$10. Here again, many donations have been accompanied by comments by people who want to see the "culprits" caught. One donor enclosed a St. Christopher medal and asked that it be put on the dog's collar.

So we all play the waiting game to see if Rags' wirey nature will help pull him through this. The Agawam Police Department, meanwhile, is offering a \$4,000 reward to "flush out an informant" who can provide them with information needed to arrest and convict the persons responsible not only for incapacitating a fine police dog, but also for shooting at a police officer as well.

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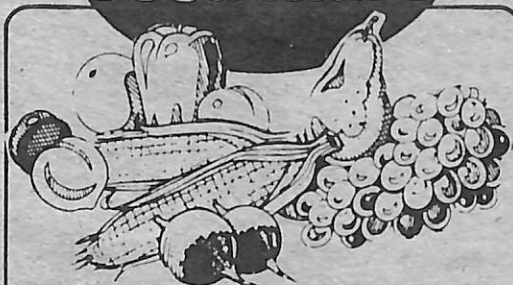
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Della-Giustina Withdraws

In a statement issued on November 5th from Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, Joseph Della-Giustina Jr. of Agawam regretfully announced his inevitable withdrawal from the Precinct 5 Town Council race in Agawam.

Mr. Della-Giustina, owner and senior partner of Abbett Accounting Firm/Abbett Tax Service of Springfield, issued the statement through the firm's Nevada Public Relations Manager William J. Chica, with whom he had been meeting in Las Vegas. Mr. Chica stated that Abbett Tax Service of the Northeast has recently made the decision to move nationwide, opening offices in the Midwest and West. In devoting full attention to the business interests of his firm, Della-Giustina would not be able to give Precinct 5 constituents the services they deserve and should have from every elected official. He, therefore, felt it in the best interests of his precinct to withdraw from the race.

Della-Giustina wished to sincerely thank all those people who have so faithfully supported him in the past and during these previous weeks.

What A Complete Vision Exam Should Include

"A complete professional optometric examination takes from 30 to 60 minutes -- anything less is not a complete exam," says Robert Vanderhoff, owner and operator of Agawam Opticians.

While specific tests may be given for a patient's individual needs, all exams should cover seven important areas:

1. A review of the patient's and family's general health and eye health history.
2. Examination of the eye's exterior and interior for signs of eye disease or general health problems, such as high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries that may manifest themselves in the eyes.
3. Tests of the patient's current ability to see sharply and clearly at near and far distances.
4. Tests to determine nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism--all common problems that can blur vision or cause visual discomfort.
5. A check of eye coordination and eye muscle function to be certain the eyes are working together as a team.
6. A test of the ability to change focus easily from near to far and vice versa.
7. A glaucoma test for patients over 35 or for those whose health history or other findings indicates a need.

A child's first vision examination, which the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists recommends before age three, should include all of the above tests plus the following: tests of depth perception and color vision, motor tests to check eye-hand-foot coordination, and when the health history indicates necessary, a series of tests to determine whether or not the development of the child's vision skills is normal.

When a full vision exam is completed, all possible problem areas will have been checked. Not every optometric exam results in a lens prescription or a change in current lenses, but when it does, the patient has a choice of taking a written prescription to an optician or of obtaining the eye wear through the optometrist.

"If eye wear is necessary," Dr. Vanderhoff says, "be sure that great care is taken in the fitting of quality glasses or contacts. Your eyes are very sensitive, and shopping for inexpensive eye wear may lead to slight deviation from the prescription and damage to the eye. Your optometrist can check filled prescriptions for their accuracy."



Samantha
READS YOUR STARS

If you were born this week: You are sensitive, intuitive, and emotional. Beneath your rather stern, implacable exterior lurks the heart of an old softie. Secrets are safe with you and you count loyalty as the highest of virtues. You can be both practical and whimsical -- even at the same time!

ARIES (3-21/4-19): You are not content to walk in anyone else's footsteps. Aries. You leave your own personal stamp where ever you go. This can be a problem for those who want things done their way. Those turkeys shouldn't have picked an Aries!

TAURUS (4-20/5-20): You'll find plenty of opportunity to express your sociable nature in week ahead, Taurus. You may also discover that business and pleasure can be mixed in the most unlikely spots. Look for financial news by last day.

GEMINI (5-21/6-20): Let your creativity go to bat for you, Gem, and try the innovative approach in both work and play. Friends twirl you into some of their whirlwinds, a secret is learned, and an exciting stranger may appear on your scene.

MOONCHILD (6-21/7-22): Love may take many forms, Moonbeam, and you may explore one that is rather new to you in the week ahead. Be confident and act with assurance in all your affairs; you'll be surprised at the difference it will make.

LEO (7-23/8-22): You have a real variety of interests around you, Leo, and you're apt to think about playing some of those new fields. Do it! In the process, though, don't ignore certain important calls and family matters. Kisses close days.

VIRGO (8-23/9-22): Since you'll be acting as consultant so often this week, Virgo, you might consider hanging out a shingle. Bring your many talents to the fore and be an aggressive and effective spokesperson for yourself. And, don't be modest, babe!

TAXING MATTER — If there's a college student, part-time worker in your household, it's a smart idea to get him a W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate." It exempts an employer from withholding income tax and the employee from having to file for a refund. Rule holds only for students making less than \$3,300 a year. Check the nearest IRS office.

LIBRA (9-23/10-23): Both work and financial matters, as well as meetings, are highlighted. Discussions with mate-partner may prove very valuable. Be sure you get enough rest, Libby, to be able to keep up with a hectic, but interesting, week.

SCORPIO (10-24/11-22): Let yourself shine this week, Scorpi! Romantic and creative potentials are super and you're likely to have people hanging on your every word. Try to be ready for an unexpected change and look for a wacky proposition.

SAGITTARIUS (11-23/12-21): In case you didn't realize it, Sag dear, you're building several foundations for important works. Build on firm ground and, remember, quality is your aim, not quantity. Happy Birthday, too -- more next week.

CAPRICORN (12-22/1-19): Dates are set this week, Cappy, and family affairs keep you hopping, too. Decisions and choices are accented. Later, you set your sights on romance and Cupid puts you right on target. Days swoop to secretive stop.

AQUARIUS (1-20/2-19): You should receive the go-ahead for certain plans this week, Aquari. And, speaking of plans, plan on having house guests in the near future, also. You may have to deal with one on a short fuse, but days end happily.

PISCES (2-20/3-20): Establish your sequence, Pisces, and do first things first. No carts before horses, please! Take care of your piggybank and avoid any new financial entanglements. That crazy full moon adds spice and a mild shock.

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INVENTORY INVENTIVENESS — A good time for food bargains is supermarket inventory time. Look for an influx of home office personnel, who arrive and mark down slow selling items. It can happen anytime, but when you spot the signs, you can scoop up the resultant bargains.

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Cindy Berard and Johnathan David admire "Panda" at the Sacred Heart Church Bazaar held last weekend. Photo by Jack Devine.



Eleanor Stepanik, chairman, Wanda Adamski look over their holiday wares at the Polish American Club's Bazaar also held last weekend.

Library Honors Children's Book Week

By Jeanne Hofmann
Agawam Library Staff

November 17 through 23 is a special week in libraries throughout the United States because it marks the 61st year of Children's Book Week. The Agawam Public Library is pleased to be offering programs and events that we hope will make it a festive one for our youngsters.

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council, a non-profit organization whose goal is to encourage children to read and enjoy books. When the celebration was initiated in 1919, children's literature was just beginning to be recognized as a vital and creative addition to the child's world.

The early 1900's marked a turning point in this genre. By that time, books for the young had broken away from the old Puritan tradition of strict moral instruction and were being written for children's pleasure. During this period, illustrations became an important part of the stories. The first modern picture book, published in 1902, was *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, Beatrix Potter. This enchanting little book is as cherished by today's children as it was by the ones who saw it first, and is one of the most popular in our children's collection.

By 1919, books like *Pinocchio*, *Johnny Crow's Garden*, and *Wind in the Willows* were finding a ready market among teachers and librarians. Still, publishers and authors agreed that children and their parents deserved more opportunities to explore the world of books together, so they established the first Children's Book Week with the theme, "More Books In The Home."

This year's theme is, "Books Alive!" and the library will have special displays for children and parents as well as a variety of programs. We invite all of our patrons, young and old, to come and share the celebration of Children's Book Week with us.

Square Dance Club To Meet

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square dance Club will hold their regular Square Dance on Saturday November 22, 1980 at 8 o'clock at Valley Community Church, 152 So. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass. The guest caller will be Bruce McCue with Lyn Beaty cueing the rounds. All Western style dancers are invited.

Michelle Korob Awarded ADRA Scholarship

Michelle Korob, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Korob of 91 Hamilton Circle, Feeding Hills, has been awarded a scholarship by the Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers of America Scholarship Foundation in Washington, D.C. The scholarship will go toward furthering Michelle's studies at American International College, where she is now a sophomore.

Arthur Baskin, owner of Baskin's Truck Sales, Inc., Chicopee, where Michelle's father is employed, sponsored her in the association's national scholarship program.

National Guard Offers Incentive For Joining

High school seniors and graduates can be eligible for a \$1,500 cash bonus or \$4,000 in educational expenses if they join the Massachusetts Army National Guard under a special incentive program effective today.

Graduating seniors can join prior to June, 1981, even though they have not actually received their diplomas. They will be eligible for the bonus when they graduate and their enlistment process will be scheduled so it will not interfere with their normal school routine.

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William A. Franks Jr., (third from left) chairman of the board of Westbank, is presented with certificate honoring him at a recent testimonial. Other guests at the affair included (from left to right) Joseph Mendes, Vincent Caroleo, Mrs. Rita Franks, Atty. Philip Smith, and Theodore Ondrick.

Testimonial Honors William Franks

More than 300 area businessmen and women attended a testimonial held at the Springfield Country Club recently to honor William A. Franks Jr., chairman of the board of the Park West Bank and Trust Company (Westbank) for his more than 20 years of service and dedication to the community.

Vincent R. Caroleo, deputy commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development, acting as master of ceremonies, presented Mr. Franks a citation from Gov. Edward King for "outstanding business, civic and human endeavors."

Many other awards were presented from local organizations, from the State House of Representatives, as well as a letter from Sen. Edward Kennedy congratulating Franks.

Franks started his banking career in 1948 and joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1956. He was promoted to assistant treasurer in 1960 and elected corporator of the bank in 1962.

His affiliation with Western Bank and Trust Company began in 1963 as executive vice president and treasurer, and in September, 1966, he was named president.

On July 16, 1976, the Park National Bank of Holyoke merged with and into Western Bank and Trust Company at which time he was elected president of the Park West Bank and Trust Company.

Franks has been the chief executive officer of Westbank since 1963 and during his administration, the bank has grown from \$1,000,000 in assets to over \$63,600,000 as of August 31, 1980.

At the present time, Franks is serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He also serves as director for several local boards and associations, both professional and recreational.

Franks is also the 1980 recipient of the coveted Katherine V. Long Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to the West Springfield Boys and Girls Club. The William A. Franks Drive in the West Springfield Industrial Park was named after him for his work on the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee and the Springfield Area Development Corporation.

He is married to the former Rita C. Provencher and has two children, Mrs. Karen Williams and Mrs. Judith Kyros and two grandchildren, Sarah and Robert Williams. He and his wife reside in Agawam.

Holiday Overture Dinner Dance Planned

Tickets are still available for the Holiday Overture Dinner Dance sponsored by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. The event will be held at the Oak Ridge Golf Club on Friday, November 28th. The social hour will be at 6:30 P.M. with music played by the Billy Hughes Quartet. Dancing from 9 to 1 will be to the music of Bart Nascembeni's Peanut Butter and Jelly Band.

The event is being held to honor Mrs. Edith LaFrancis whose book "AGAWAM" will be published in December.

The Arts and Humanities Council was appointed one year ago to plan and present activities for the citizens of Agawam in the area of the arts and humanities. Events already presented were a Spring Festival Week last April which brought an art exhibition, an evening of a sample of dance, theatre and music to the Junior High School, an afternoon of theatre for children and face painting for children. An exhibition of the works of Andrew Gallano, artist has been presented and on November 12th a painting demonstration was given for interested citizens. Funds have been awarded to the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council by the state and these were used to present these events. The members of the Council would like to be as self sufficient as possible and are planning to apply for more state grants plus present several fund raisers. The Holiday Overture Dinner Dance is the first of these planned fund-raisers.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance may be obtained by contacting Paul Sutton, chairman or any other member of the committee.

Laughing Brook Offers Naturalist Workshops

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a morning workshop entitled "Herbs for the Holidays" on Saturday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This workshop will introduce ways in which people can use herbs for holiday time gifts, decorations and additions to meals. Recipes will be included, and samples to see or taste will be on hand. Mary Dupuis, a West Springfield herbalist, will be the instructor.

Also on Saturday, November 22nd, Laughing Brook will sponsor the second in the series of Audubon Wildlife Films entitled "Kookaburra Country" at 8 p.m. at the Duggan Jr. High School on Wilbraham Road.

This film shows the progression of wildlife and places in eastern Australia from Melbourne to Brisbane. Birds and plant life will be explored by the camera of Fran Hall, a Minnesota native who has spent 45 years photographing wild areas on four continents.

Both of these programs are open to the public and a fee is charged. For more information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

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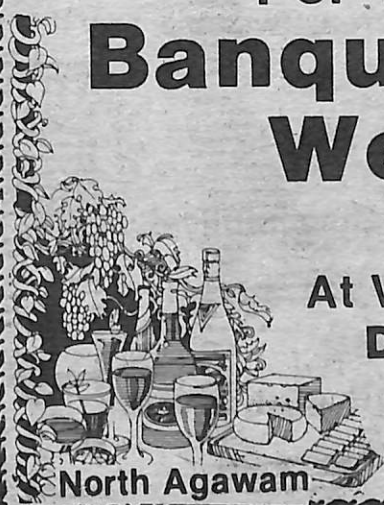
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**Language
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**SPAN Center
Anniversary
Open House**

The Board of Directors of the SPAN Counseling Center is holding an Open House at the Center on Wednesday, November 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. All residents of the town are invited to meet the staff and see the Center, which is celebrating its ninth year in service.

The staff and board of directors will be available to explain services and give a tour of the facility. Refreshments will also be served.

The Center which is located in a house at 770 Springfield Street provides personal counseling for individuals and families as well as drug counseling. The Center also conducts groups for people with special interests. The G.E.D. program which meets twice a week is very popular and has helped scores of Agawam residents to obtain their high school diploma.

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By Penny Stone

Tricycles are not just for youngsters any more. These days we're apt to see young adults and even courageous "oldsters" riding the three wheelers for exercise and fun, as well as for transportation around town.

For BRUCE JENSEN of Agawam Center, however, a Columbia three-wheeler represents regular physical therapy as well as a form of independence.

Bruce was injured in an automobile accident 12 years ago while driving through Springfield with a friend. Though Bruce remembers almost nothing about the accident, he knows that it took the life of his friend and put him on the critical list for a long time.

Along with other problems, head injuries affected the muscles in his right leg and foot, making flexion and extension impossible. Consequently, he needs a leg brace and cane to get around and hasn't driven a car since.

However, Bruce says he doesn't miss driving and since purchasing the tricycle over a year ago, he gets around as much as he likes. The three-wheeler allows him to pedal with his left leg while passively exercising the injured side, he says. "And it lets me get out of the house and do something for myself," he adds.

So if you should pass Bruce on one of his daily trips around Agawam Center, smile, wave or say "hello" cuz it's a lonely, cold world out there sometimes.

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MR. and MRS. LEWIS JARVIS of 43 Woodridge Street, Feeding Hills recently enjoyed a visit from their granddaughter DONNA DABSON and their great granddaughter SABRINA who left their home in Yarmouth, England, for a three week stay here.

Donna's dad, Agawam Patrolman HAROLD JARVIS, was also happy to see her again for the first time in seven years.

Sabrina, Donna's three-year-old daughter, had never "seen" Halloween before, as it is not celebrated in England. So she was quite surprised by our costumed children and all the events which took place at the neighborhood school party she attended. Having no prior experience with pumpkins, for instance, she tried to kick one around, thinking it was an orange soccer ball.

The two enjoyed the hospitality of MR. and MRS. AL HARDICK of 39 Day Street, Feeding Hills, and their kindness was appreciated by all.

When it was time to leave for England, both visitors indicated that they would have liked to stay longer. Donna, who was born here, appreciated our LOWER cost of living. She noted that a pack of cigarettes would cost about \$1.30 in England and since she works in her mother's pub over there, she also noted that a \$5.00 bottle of liquor here would cost about \$12. in pounds there.

She also found that she had missed some of our music which is not heard much in England (mostly Country and Western). So she brought many 45's back with her to add to the pub's usual juke box selections. "Country roads, take me home..."

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Recently BRENDON "BUD" CLORAN of Sutton Place, Agawam was honored at the Silver Carriage Inn on his retirement from the Postal Department. Bud served as a letter carrier for 30 years, starting out in the Mitteneague Office and servicing North Agawam all that time.

In attendance at the retirement party were over 75 close friends and family members. Postmaster ROBERT DEFORGE presented the guest of honor with a unique money tree designed by AGNES DELUCCI, wife of carrier MARIO DELUCCI. Mrs. Delucci fashioned the "tree" from an old rural mailbox, painted white and decorated with ribbons and twigs which sprouted currency flowerettes.

Another highlight of the evening was fellow Letter Carrier AL BERARD's presentation of a painting of 56 River Street, North Agawam. The painting, done by a local renowned artist, depicts a "favorite spot" on the route.

LOU VERONESSI, Union Secretary for Branch No. 46, presented Bud with a check from the union. So, after 30 years of loyal service "though wind and snow and sleet and hail," he's off to enjoy the Good Life. Best wishes, Bud.

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DICK FEARN of 44 Letendre Avenue, Feeding Hills, may have felt like an endangered species during a recent weekend of photographing at the Martinsville, Va., Speedway. Dick narrowly escaped serious injury when a racing car climbed the wall and landed next to him, grazing his face. Dick bent over to peer into the wrecked car and inquired about the condition of the driver, who replied, "I'm fine, but would you please stop bleeding all over me."

Not to be deterred, later he watched as a large chunk of wall was knocked out and a coil spring bounced past him. he was overheard to comment, "lightning never strikes twice in the same place," but he is beginning to wonder.

[You are welcome to send items of social or personal interest to Penny at 72 Federal Street (786-9144) or to call 786-7747 to leave a message.]



Bruce Jensen is a well known sight riding his tricycle around the Agawam Center area daily. Photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam To Benefit From Arts Lottery

The Arts Lottery, the first of its kind anywhere, has been a success according to the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council. The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council (AAH) has been notified that very soon they will be supplied with applications for funds.

As you may know, all of the money from the Arts Lottery is to be returned to the cities and towns in Massachusetts on a per capita basis. Agawam hopes to realize about \$1.00 per person to give the town about \$27,000 to fund the arts for the next fiscal year.

The local council, along with the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council, will determine eligible applicants. According to Bob Sands, chairman of AAH, guidelines are in the final draft stages and should be adopted by the first of January.

The funds are basically to finance endeavors in the arts and humanities. "It is intended that the arts and humanities encompass, without limitation, the study, pursuit, performance, exhibition and enjoyment of cultural activities in the broadest sense," stated Mr. Sands. "The structure of the Arts Lottery is intended to encourage the recognition of, and provision for, the particular needs of local communities in carrying out the purposes of the Arts Lottery."

According to Sands, the principles of the Lottery are to promote and maintain the vitality of existing cultural resources, to ensure the continued contribution and value of these resources to the Commonwealth, the local communities, and their residents, and to involve as many citizens as possible in some aspect of cultural activity. Arts Lottery Funds are to be directed to individuals and organizations dedicated to productive and creative efforts in the arts and humanities.

Sands feels that in light of the recent passage of 2½, the funds will be well used as intended, to support activities which are available or beneficial to the general public. He also invites anyone interested in funding to call him at 786-7714 after 6 p.m. any weekday.

Lori Wislocki Promoted Community Grange To Meet



Community Grange will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

The guest speaker will be George Jones, general manager of Eastern States Exposition. He will talk and show a film on the Big E and some of the activities for which this fair has become famous. West Springfield and Granville Granges have been invited to neighbor with the Feeding Hills group that evening.

A social hour will follow under the direction of Frank and Ruth Allen, co-chairpersons assisted by Clarence Holloway and Katherine Blaszk.

NSA Plans Hartford Bus Trip

A bus trip to downtown Hartford and the Hartford Civic Center Shops will be sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee of the Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) on Friday, November 28th. An opportunity for advanced Christmas shopping without contending with parking and inclement weather driving will be offered.

Fee for the trip is \$5.00 per person. The bus will leave the rear parking lot of Mass. Mutual at 9 a.m. and will leave Hartford for the return trip at 4 p.m.

Members and guests are welcome, and reservations should be made by Wednesday, November 19th to Sandra Briggs, 217 Appleblossom Lane, Westfield. Checks are to be made payable to Springfield Chapter, NSA.

Mrs. Wislocki Promoted At Agawam Bank

The promotion of Mrs. Lori Wislocki as head teller in the Agawam office of the Westfield Savings Bank was announced by Arthur W. Knapp, president.

Mrs. Wislocki, a resident of Suffield and mother of six children, has been with Westfield Savings Bank for seven years. She lived in Agawam for several years prior to moving to Connecticut.

She is a member of the Springfield Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and has completed several of that educational organization's banking programs.

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20-20 Club Big Winner



Jack Patterson of 48 Wrenwood Lane, Agawam, was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 grand prize in Sacred Heart Church's second series of its 20-20 Club. Jack, who works as a vice president at Third National Bank's Main Street, Springfield, office, plans to use some of the money to make Christmas much nicer for his wife Kathy, and their children Jackie, 10; Karen, 8; and Kristen, 1. Photo by Jack Devine.

OBITUARIES

George J. McDonnell

George J. McDonnell, 72, of 55 Twin Oaks Road, Feeding Hills, died Monday, November 3, 1980 at home.

Born in Ventry, County Kerry, Ireland, he lived in Springfield for 53 years and was the former owner of the Twin Oaks Club Inc. of Feeding Hills, the Hotel McDonnell of West Springfield, the City Line Cafe in Springfield, and Benner's Hotel in Kingle, County Kerry.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion Post and the Sons of Erin in Westfield.

A communicant of Sacred Heart Church, he leaves three daughters: Mary Ellen Arslanian of Springfield; Vera Conway of Feeding Hills; and Gail Brunelle of Agawam; two sisters, Bridie Haggerty of West Springfield and Josephine Glen of Connecticut; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at T.P. Sampson Company, State Street, Springfield, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 19
SPAN Center
Open House
Springfield St.
5-7 p.m.

Nov. 15
Chicken Pie Supper
United Methodist Church
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 24
Agawam Women's Club
Meeting
Capt. Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28
Holiday Overture
Dance
Oak Ridge Country Club

Nov. 22nd & 23rd
St. Anthony Bazaar
Parish Center
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Jingle Valley Fair Slated

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A snack bar will operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and luncheon will be served from 11 to 1 o'clock. Luncheon will consist of Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, roll, apple dessert, beverage for the ticket price of \$2.50. Tickets will be available at the door at 10 a.m. or reservations can be made by calling 786-2176.

St. David's Church Sets Bazaar

St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, is having a Christmas Bazaar on November 14th from 7-9 p.m. and on November 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured items will include Christmas ornaments, silver tea, baked goods, and luncheon on Saturday.

Methodist Church Schedules Chicken Pie Supper

A public chicken pie supper will be served by the Friendship Circle of the Agawam United Methodist Church, 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, on November 15th at the church. Continuous servings will be offered from 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Adult tickets will \$3.85 and for those under 12, \$1.75. for reservations, call 786-0083 or 786-0488.

The menu will consist be chicken pie, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, beet relish, cole slaw, rolls, apple or pumpkin pie, coffee, tea, or milk.

Local Woman Honored For Providence Hospital Work

Among those honored at a special dinner and awards ceremony for adult volunteers who have served at Providence Hospital was Shirley Davis of Agawam.

A total of 65 volunteers were recognized for donating over 10,000 hours to the hospital at a ceremony held on Wednesday, November 12th in the hospital cafeteria. The awards presentation was followed by a program of dance exercise by Kathleen O'Connell of Chicopee.

Agawam Woman Serves On Radiologic Membership Drive

The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists will conduct a membership drive starting on November 24th. Marjorie Ainey, R.T., of 11 Anthony Street, Agawam, will serve on the membership committee.

The purpose of the drive is to present a united voice for the profession as it seeks licensure which will not only benefit the public through radiation protection, but will also enhance the credibility of practitioners, according to Paul M. Fournier, R.T., of Medfield, president.

As an added inducement to prospective and present members, the society will establish a tollfree telephone for technologists seeking employment in the profession.

Women's Club Set Meeting

The Agawam Women's club will hold its meeting at the Captain Leonard House on Monday, November 24th.

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Wednesday evenings: Prayer group meetings 7:30

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Wednesday evening: Prayer group meetings 7:00

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Rev. Bruce Benshoff

Sundays: Services 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Church School and nursery at 10:00

Bible Study Group: Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

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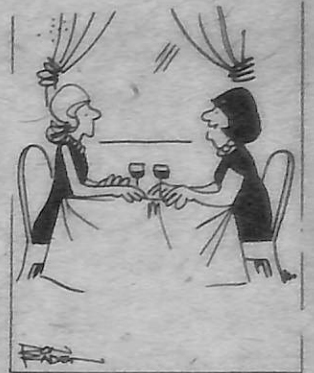
Such things are not at all surprising to the chiropractic practitioner. While his intensive training seemingly equips him to

apply his skills to back problems, he knows that the nerves that branch out from between the vertebrae either directly or indirectly serve bodily functions.

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longs — a lot more than the back itself can benefit. And that, really, is the whole basis of chiropractic.

From
Dr. Joseph Schlaffer
Chiropractor

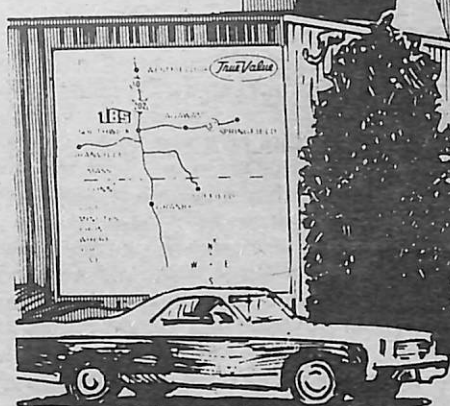


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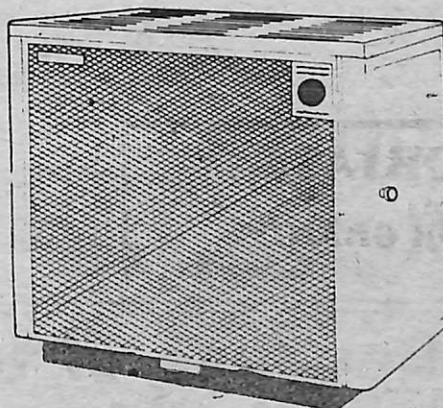
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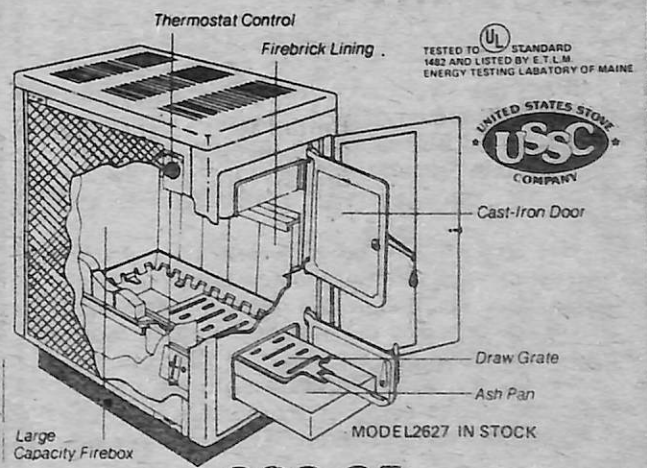
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EDITORIAL

Don't Fool With 2 1/2

By Richard Sardella
Publisher

When the solid majority of voters in Agawam and throughout the Commonwealth passed Proposition 2 1/2 November 4, the message to municipal government was clear: tighten your belts, post haste.

It is quite possible that Proposition 2 1/2 may not be the answer to the taxation woes of the citizens of Massachusetts.

Too Cumbersome

Proposition 2 1/2 may be too cumbersome and not workable. This newspaper failed to support the tax-cutting item during pre-election rhetoric, but that's passe now... Proposition 2 1/2 is the law... the people's law.

It is also possible that many voters who supported Proposition 2 1/2 believed it would not pass, but instead, wished to issue a warning aimed at elected and appointed officials that they, the taxpayers, remain disgruntled with waste, duplication and governmental inefficiency and of the theory that the taxwell is a bottomless pit.

Commentary

Beware of that bottomless pit, or it may be bottomless indeed. Those elected officials who do not heed the meaning of the November 4 vote may very well be cast into that bottomless pit come next November.

The attitude of those public officials who believe that the answer to 2 1/2 is to place taxation in other areas through fees, user fees and fees yet undiscovered may incite something much worse than 2 1/2.

The feeling here is that it's incumbent on elected and appointed officials throughout the state and in our community to work diligently to make 2 1/2 work if it's all possible.

If lawmakers and their appointed administrators make this serious attempt, cut where necessary, slash unnecessary frills, and then find it's necessary to increase some of the untouched forms of taxation, then taxpayers will understand this.

Raise Havoc

Some detractors have called 2 1/2 an opening of Pandora's Box. Surely everyone is familiar with that form of Greek mythology when Pandora opened the box and the troubles and woes of the world escaped to raise havoc on the earth.

But what is often forgotten is that the last to escape from the Box of Pandora was hope.

Hopefully, our elected and appointed officials will not make the serious mistake of not responding to 2 1/2 and the wishes of the majority of voters of Agawam and the Commonwealth.

MTA Speaks On 2 1/2

To the Editor:

The ballots have been counted.

Proposition 2 1/2 is now law. Obviously the decision was made after much debate.

The media in Massachusetts did a great deal to circulate information concerning this complicated issue.

The news columns of your publication made it clear that the Massachusetts Teachers Association was in the forefront of the great 1980 debate on taxes. The MTA has been in the forefront of the tax debate for many years and has been calling for meaningful tax reform for many, many years. The efforts to bring about tax reform will not cease because of the public acceptance of Question 2. As a matter of fact, it must be recognized that Proposition 2 1/2 is simply a tax shifting mechanism which does not honestly address tax reform and the importance of the continuation of public services and education.

While every step must be taken to insure the proper and effective implementation of the new law, it is equally important that the individual rights of dedicated public school teachers and other public employees are not emasculated in the process and that the contracts which have been negotiated in good faith are not arbitrarily ignored in the name of Proposition 2 1/2. The voters of Massachusetts have asked for tax changes, not union busting.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association and its 65,000 members will continue to work for tax reform, and looks forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to bring about an orderly transition and application of Proposition 2 1/2 without causing unnecessary chaos. At the same time, all of our members will continue their dedication to the children who must be served in our public school systems.

After all, that is the reason we are here.

Carol A. Doherty,
President
William H. Hebert,
Executive Director-Treasurer

Guest Editorial... Criticism On Bonavita Unjustified

by Cynthia M. Stacey
84 Walnut Street

As the head of a respectable news source, *Agawam Advertiser* Publisher Richard Sardella obviously skipped his journalism class on Professionalism. One of the major tenets of the Editors' Code of Ethics is objectivity. A Good Editorialist is never vindictive or personal... If his position is strong, he does not have to indulge in that type of thing. Case in Point:

In last week's commentary, Sardella commented on the controversial decision by Superintendent of Schools Louis J. Hebert to allow an article written on Proposition 2 1/2 by proponent Elena Bonavita to be published by the school newspaper. Sardella diverts from the main argument (namely that of Mr. Hebert's failure to communicate with the student editors and advisor) by accusing Miss Bonavita of "making ridiculous allegations which were neither confirmed or substantiated by Mr. Hebert."

Obviously Mr. Hebert failed to communicate with Mr. Sardella the fact that he met with one particular teacher after students complained about her use of class time to expound on her views on 2 1/2. Perhaps it was because the teacher involved was none other than the school newspaper advisor! It is quite clear that Miss Bonavita's allegations were far from being ridiculous, as Mr. Sardella would have us believe!

Also in his commentary, Mr. Sardella reports that Mr. Hebert's major concern was to silence a potential critic (namely Miss Bonavita). "The councilwoman's often loud and chiding criticisms of various individuals during her tenure on the council made her a threat regardless of the fallout by[sic] innocent bystanders." I would like to point out to Mr. Sardella that there is no need for this type of maliciousness in a public newspaper. As a professional journalist, Mr. Sardella should have more common sense than to make such "ridiculous" and "chiding" exaggerations, whether inside an editorial context or not. Miss Bonavita quite clearly had the right to ask for equal time and did so in a business manner as expected.

Throughout his editorial, Mr. Sardella makes obvious with his great insinuations that this episode would never have occurred had Miss Bonavita remained silent. It is important to remember that Miss Bonavita asked for equal time only after the school newspaper advisor's illegal use of class time to speak out against 2 1/2... And then Miss Bonavita asked for equal time via a school assembly which was not granted to her by Mr. Hebert because that, of course, would have given her an even greater platform for 2 1/2.

And furthermore, Miss Bonavita was, in fact, a paid lobbyist for Citizens for Limited Taxation, as Mr. Sardella claims. He fails to note, however, that she took a 50% pay cut and worked fourteen hours a day, seven days a week, not to mention the three years of volunteer work for the organization.

If anything should be publicized about Miss Bonavita's involvement with 2 1/2, it should be her dedication and hard work. Instead of criticizing her, Mr. Sardella should commend her for a job well done. Agawam citizens should be proud to have a town official such as Miss Bonavita who actively promotes the interest of all the people.

Letters to the Editor

School Officials Respond To Criticism

To The Editor:

On Thursday, November 6, 1980, Richard Sardella, Publisher of the *Agawam Advertiser* wrote a long and vicious article about the Superintendent of Schools and the high school newspaper. Unfortunately, he did not take the trouble to speak with the individuals involved before writing his editorial. Had he done so, he would have ascertained the true chronology of events. They are as follow:

Fact- Miss Bonavita appeared before the School Committee to accuse a teacher of presenting a one-sided picture of Proposition 2 1/2, a practice prohibited by the courts. **Fact-** The School Committee advised Miss Bonavita that the superintendent would investigate the situation if Miss Bonavita would identify the teacher in question. **Fact-** The superintendent met with Mrs. Martin in the presence of the Agawam Education Association's Executive Secretary, Mr. Lawrence O'Brien, to ask if the allegations were true. She admitted speaking to students about Proposition 2 1/2, but also claimed that both sides of the issue were presented fairly.

Fact- To confirm the accuracy of the teacher's recollection, the superintendent drafted a questionnaire to be sent to students. The questions were reviewed by Miss Bonavita, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. O'Brien. **Fact-** To remove any suggestions of impropriety, Mrs. Martin suggested that Miss Bonavita be invited to submit a statement of her views to the school newspaper. All parties present agreed. **Fact-** Before proceeding with the questionnaire, the superintendent told Miss Bonavita that fair play demanded that the student who allegedly made the charges against the teacher repeat them to the superintendent. Miss Bonavita identified the student in question, but failed to arrange the meeting requested. The superintendent informed Miss Bonavita, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. O'Brien that the investigation would go no farther, and the questionnaire would not be sent.

Fact- At the next School Committee meeting, the superintendent recommended that the investigation not go forward, but that as agreed, Miss Bonavita should be invited "to submit an article dealing with the alleged advantages of Proposition 2 1/2 to the school newspaper." The School Committee so voted. **Fact-** Approximately, two weeks after the School Committee meeting, the Daily News published an account of the action taken by the School Committee. **Fact-** Mrs. Martin and Mr. O'Brien visited the superintendent's office to say that Mrs. Martin was concerned that she did not know of the School Committee vote until she read it in the newspaper. Further, that if Miss Bonavita submitted an article or a letter to the editor, the newspaper might choose not to print it. **Fact-** The superintendent reminded Mrs. Martin that the action taken by the School Committee had been on her recommendation. To now say that an invitation to submit an article did not mean there was an intent to actually print that article would, in the superintendent's view, be less than honorable. **Fact-** The superintendent insisted that those portions of Miss Bonavita's letter dealing with Proposition 2 1/2 be published in accord with School Committee and administrative directives. **Fact-** Miss Bonavita's letter was published with a student disclaimer. **Fact-** The superintendent's subsequent comment that there had been a lack of communications among parties was in no way "an admission" that the failure in communications rested with the superintendent.

Signed
Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr.
Louis J. Hebert
Jessie D. Fuller, Chairperson,
Agawam School Committee

Legal Notices Accepted



"A MAN HAS TO EAT!"

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, The Advertiser/News will publish Monday, November 24. News deadline Friday November 21 at noon. Please call if you have any questions.

Letters...continued

Repair Of Police Radio Urged

To The Editor:

I was appalled and incensed after reading the account of "the heroic canine cop" when it was revealed the cruiser's radio had malfunctioned and not for the first time.

It would seem to me that replacing the old equipment immediately would be "top priority."

I have great respect for the police officers who face danger constantly, and I believe in certain instances there should be two officers in a cruiser.

This unfortunate incident should serve as an example. I pray that the remarkable German shepherd recovers. Do not overlook the fact that this could happen again.

Mrs. D. Brown

Danielle's Restaurant Praised

To The Editor:

Recently my wife and I and a few close friends decided to go out to dinner. After some discussion as to where to go, we decided to try one of the local Agawam restaurants. Danielle's, owned by the Bushey family, occupies the old "Tinti's" in North Agawam on King Street.

Let me first say that I do not know the Bushey family and this letter is totally unsolicited. Danielle's is a treat for all senses. Not only was the food an epicurean delight, but the service was superb. The atmosphere is gracious and subdued, almost that of a private club.

After dinner, our hostess, Cheryl Solomon, came to our table and asked if we had any comments. I remarked that "With the food and atmosphere as it is there should be a line to get in." Fortunately for us there wasn't.

Since then we have recommended Danielle's with their exquisite Bill of Fare and New York service to several friends. All have said it is just that and more.

For approximately \$30 a couple for dinner and cocktails, I urge all to try this most unusual restaurant.

Sincerely,
Bob Sands
51 White Fox Road

Loving Criticism Encouraged

To The Editor:

The best government is the government that is closest to the people - local government!

We should be critical lovers, not unloving critics.

Sincerely,
Elena Bonavita
Councilor-at-large

O'Neill Deplores DPU's Seabrook Decision

To The Editor:

In this era of the shrinking dollar, rising prices and active consumerism, most of us have had to learn to distinguish between something that is a good buy and something that is "cheap."

Keeping to a weekly grocery budget these days requires the combined talents of Milton Friedman, Perry Mason, and E.F. Hutton. Every month is another struggle to meet our families' needs and perhaps put a little away for the future. Pinching pennies, making the buffalo sing - that's what Massachusetts families are doing to get by. Smart shopping and close scrutiny of how we spend our earnings is the order of the day.

Government too must be a "smart shopper," must use sound financial judgment before spending taxpayer or utility ratepayer money. This is particularly true when it comes to setting rates and approving expansion plans of "regulated monopolies" such as the telephone company, gas companies and electric utility companies. Ratepayer dollars spent on utility bills are no less precious than those which go for rent, car payments or food. Massachusetts regulators have an obligation to scrutinize utility purchases with no less care than we scrutinize prices on the grocery shelf. Political or philosophical biases should not obstruct the financial judgment of the King administration commissioners at the Department of Public Utilities.

To those of us in government who subscribe to that philosophy, yesterday's decision by the DPU allowing three Massachusetts companies to sink more money into the Seabrook nuclear power plant is a financial disgrace, a betrayal of public trust.

Three hundred pages of bureaucratic language cannot obscure the simple truth that investing in Seabrook is fiscal foolishness. By allowing Montaup Electric, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light and New Bedford Gas and Electric Light to buy almost 4 percent of the plant, the DPU has begun a cynical bailout program for Seabrook which will cost ratepayers untold financial hardship. The question is not when will these customers start benefiting from a \$3.1 billion nuclear plant but if Seabrook will ever be finished and for how much under \$10 billion.

For more than a year, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSCNH) has been trying to dump nearly half of its shares in Seabrook at the strong suggestion of the New Hampshire Public Service Commission. When PSCNH lost the right to charge customers for work in progress, the bottom fell out of the project. The Connecticut Public Utility Commission also saw the impending disaster and instructed two of its electric companies to get out of Seabrook. Massachusetts' response? "Come and dump your nuclear shares here."

Ignoring the questions of nuclear safety and nuclear waste disposal for the moment, the only way to justify this decision to Massachusetts consumers is to prove that Seabrook is a good investment, a "good buy." The DPU would be hard pressed to do that based on the facts.

If Seabrook were a good buy, why are the two principal owners, Public Service Company and United Illuminating, trying to sell off large chunks of their shares?

If Seabrook were sound financially, why did Standard and Poor's derate Public Service Company's preferred stock to "bb" meaning "speculative"? Why does Moody's also consider United Illuminating to be a "speculative" investment?

How can Seabrook be a good buy if the estimated completion cost keeps going up (over and above built-in inflation escalators) by an annual factor of more than 14 percent? If the second unit at Seabrook has to be delayed by four years, the final cost will be close to \$10 billion, not \$3.1 billion.

Lastly, how can this plant be a good investment if it's predicted, based on historical trends, to be "down" (not operating) 40 percent of the time? That's equivalent to being out sick two days of a five-day work week.

If, then, Seabrook is not a good buy, then why did the DPU approve these purchases? Because Seabrook is the only thing around to buy? In that case, their decision is equivalent to selling a drowning man a life jacket - made out of lead. Granted it may be the "cheapest" jacket around...it may even be the only life jacket around, but it would be a fatal investment.

Before the end of the year, the King administration will have two more opportunities to bail-out the deteriorating nuclear power industry in New England. First, the Massachusetts Municipal Electrical Wholesale Company will be told by the DPU whether or not it can purchase another 6 percent of Seabrook from the Public Service Company. Second, Boston Edison will be told if it can build Pilgrim II, a second nuclear power plant in Plymouth.

As the DPU prepares its decision on MMEWC, Massachusetts consumers can rightfully ask the following question: if most pension funds and institutional investors will no longer invest in the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, should a ratepayer living on a pension be forced to finance Seabrook? Not if we expect to be able to Make It financially in Massachusetts.

Lt. Governor Thomas P. O'Neill III

Legal Lines

By Atty. Rene Thomas

Can a merchant disclaim liability for consumer goods that do not function properly?

Merchants sometimes attempt to limit their liability for faulty goods by including a statement in their written sales agreement that there are no implied warranties.

Every merchant seller of consumer goods warrants (or promises) that the goods are of merchantable quality. In other words, the goods are fit for the ordinary purposes for which they are sold.

This implied warranty of merchantability cannot be disclaimed and any provision in a sales agreement that attempts to limit the seller's liability for breach of this warranty is unenforceable in Massachusetts.

Any language in a sales contract that limits the consumer's remedies if the goods are not of merchantable quality is also void and unenforceable.

Do not be dissuaded from enforcing your rights by language which seems to take away your rights. That language may be unenforceable and have no effect on your rights as a consumer.

Editorial Policy

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SCHOOL NEWS



Kenyon Martin, noted mime clown

Silence Is Golden!

By Joanne Brown

A hush came over the packed auditorium, a hush which lasted - miraculously for sixth and seventh graders! - for the entire forty minute performance. Chuckling and occasional outright laughter could be heard as the Middle School students spent the show craning their necks so as not to miss any of Kenyon Martin's classic mime routines.

Last Thursday, the National Mime Theatre, in the person of its founder and principal performer Kenyon Martin, gave two shows for Middle School students. The theatre is a Boston-based touring company which has been entertaining audiences throughout New England since 1962.

Kenyon Martin studied with such noted mime specialists as Marcel Marceau in Paris and Jacques LeCoq in New York and has been on the faculty of several colleges and universities. He writes his own material based on universal themes using the classic mime style.

"Mime is using your body and space to make ideas seem real," Martin explains. "It's not like silent film acting, yet it's not unlike it. In fact, I call myself a silent actor or a mime clown."

Martin begins his performance with a short verbal explanation of mime directed to the children, an explanation in which he emphasizes that the "body is mime's instrument." His three skits employ some easily identifiable illusions such as a street clown juggling or walking a tightrope, after which he asks the students what they think they saw. He then points out to them that what he did with his body and space conveyed those ideas to their minds.

Martin's use of facial expressions was particularly effective and evoked much of the laughter from the sixth and seventh graders. They were most attentive, thoroughly wrapped up in the performance. They truly seemed to appreciate mime as an art form and expressed their enjoyment of Kenyon Martin's performance with enthusiastic applause.

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Wed., Nov. 19: Orange juice, steamed frankfort in roll, buttered broccoli, potato chips, chocolate pudding w/topping, milk

Thurs., Nov. 20: Oven roasted turkey w/stuffing, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll w/butter, ice cream, milk

Fri., Nov. 21: Baked fish portion w/tartar sauce, oven potato puffs w/ketchup, buttered green beans, bread & butter, dessert, milk

Open House Scheduled At Robinson Park School

An Open House at Robinson Park School has been scheduled for parents for Thursday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening will feature short parent-teacher conferences at prearranged times and displays of children's work throughout the building.

In order to avoid parking problems and long waiting periods, special conference times will be set up by the teachers for each individual parent. Coffee and refreshments will be served by the PTO throughout the evening.

Phelps School Open House Set

Phelps School will hold its annual Open House on November 19th from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening is designated to enable parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss his progress and development.

Because of time limitations, it is planned that each parent will have approximately five to ten minute conferences with the teachers. If a longer conference period is desired, this will be an opportunity to schedule such a conference.

Jr. High Slates Open House

On Tuesday, November 18th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Agawam Junior High School will hold its first Parent's Night for the 1980-81 school year. The administration and faculty cordially invite all parents to attend.

Teachers, guidance personnel and administrators will be available for individual conferences regarding their child's progress. Conferences will be limited to five minutes so that all will have an opportunity to meet with teachers during the evening. A student secretart will arrange and time each conference.

Please avail yourself of this opportunity to aid your child in having a successful year.

Library Schedule For Children's Book Week (November 17 - 23)

The Agawam Public Library schedule of events for Children's Book Week, November 17 through 23, will include the following special programs:

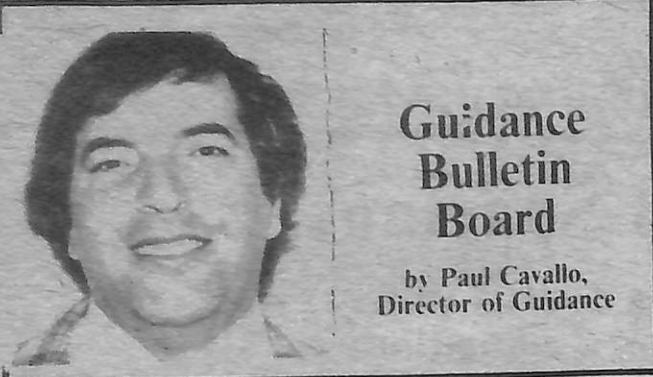
Monday, Nov. 17: 3:30-4:30 for grades K-5: Fairy tale filmstrip hour featuring *Rapunzel* and *The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids*.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: 3:30-4:30 for grades K-5: Favorite storybook filmstrip hour including *Frog and Toad*, *The Berenstain Bears*, *Madeline*, and *Amelia Bedelia*.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: 11-11:45 for preschoolers. Storytelling and fun time.

Thursday, Nov. 20: 4-5 p.m. Regular after school story hour.

Saturday, Nov. 22: for Agawam elementary school aged children: *The Muppet Movie*, admission to this film is by ticket only. All 750 free tickets that were available have been given out on a first come, first served basis. This program is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association. Due to the enormous response to flyers sent to all Agawam elementary schools, we are sorry to say that there are no more tickets available for this movie. Anyone who was not able to obtain tickets for this performance may call to reserve tickets for the library's next feature presentation.



Guidance Bulletin Board

by Paul Cavallo,
Director of Guidance

Since the addition of two guidance counselors at the High School and the selection of a guidance department chairman, the counselors' assignments have been realigned. The following breakdown of counselor/-counselee assignments will be helpful to parents. It is important that you know your son's/daughter's guidance counselor. If you have any questions concerning your child, call 789-1400.

COUNSELOR	COUNSELEE'S LAST NAME
Paul C. Cavallo, Dept. Chmn.	Seniors: A-D Juniors: A-C

Mrs. Elaine Bellico	Seniors: E-K Juniors: D-J
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Sophomores: Borrello-Chemlowski Lancour-Podgorski	

John Porter	Seniors: Q-Z Juniors: P-Z
Sophomores: Adelman-Bonfitto Potter-Z	

The Financial Aid Form, commonly known as the FAF, has arrived and has been distributed to seniors. We encourage parents to read the FAF carefully before completing the application. It cannot be mailed until after January 1, 1981.

If you have any questions concerning the FAF, the Guidance Department suggests that you attend a financial aid informational night to be held Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. Our guest speaker will outline the procedure for filling out the FAF application. If you are unable to attend and are still having difficulty, you can call tollfree 1-800-882-2037 for assistance.

A final note - High School report cards will be issued on Wednesday, November 19th. Report card for both the Middle and Junior High Schools are being issued on Friday, November 14th.

Parents' Night at the High School is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 1980 from 7-9 p.m.

Winter Pre-School Story Hour

The Agawam Public Library will offer a Winter Pre-School Story Hour beginning Wednesday morning, November 26th and Friday morning, November 28th. The program will run for six consecutive weeks ending December 31st and January 2nd.

In addition to the 10-10:45 a.m. story hours on these two mornings, a third story hour will also be scheduled from 11:15-noon due to the overwhelming response to the program.

Pre-schoolers must be at least 3½ years old to enroll. Pre-registration is required and may be arranged by phone (789-1550) or in person at the library. Coffee will be provided for the parents during the programs.

Please join the fun of meeting new friends, enjoying stories, games, music and other activities.



Girl Scout Troop 61, under the leadership of Irene Zielinski, Mona Daponte, Mary Guiel, and Ellen Crane, recently enjoyed a night of song snuggled under blankets in the haywagon at Crowley Stables, Agawam. From left to right are Melissa Desrosier, Kimberly Zielinski, Angela Poulos, Susanna Ciachetti, Teri Voight, and Kimberly Disco.



GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Agawam Girl Scouts have begun another year serving girls in grades one through twelve in the development of values, skills and an awareness of the changing world around them. These new skills should aid the girls to become better women of tomorrow.

Coordinators of activities in Agawam are Carolyn Widmer, Unit Chairman, along with women who serve as troop consultants at each of the schools. If you have a daughter interested in Girl Scouts, please contact the school consultant listed as follows or call Carolyn Widmer at 786-2790.

Clark School: Billie Ann Carpenter, 789-0340; Phelps School: Barbara Drownowski, 786-2626; Granger School: Sue Runshaw, 786-1412; Robinson Park School: Ann Cowie, 736-6461.

Other members of the Agawam organization include Lorraine Rhodes, Unit Cookie Chairman, and Steven Murawski and his wife, Diane, who will handle publicity (786-8165).

As cookie time approaches, be on the lookout for recipes using Girl Scout products, along with information of the up and coming sale.

The Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts are now preparing for this annual cookie sale which will begin November 21 and extend through December 5th. The cookies have not increased in price, and two new varieties have been added to those offered. Delivery of the cookies will be made from January 20 to February 6th. Every penny earned by the cookie sales remains in the community and each troop receives a commission on each box sold. Individual troops use the funds to support activities such as trips, camping, or parties.

The second session of the cookie sales will involve the Brownies and be held in the spring.

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SPORTS



Junior Paul Dezeille prepares to pounce on a loose pigskin during Agawam's 27-20 victory over East Longmeadow Saturday. Dezeille rushed for 200 yards and 3 touchdowns. Dezeille is now pounding towards the 1,000 yard milestone with two games milestone. He has less than 100 yards to go. Photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies Slash Spartans, 27-20

It's Crazy But Locals Still In Division One Contention

As crazy as it may sound, the Agawam Brownies, mathematically, of course, remain in the running for the Western Mass. Division One playoffs.

Following Saturday's 27-20 win over East Longmeadow where junior back Paul Dezeille rushed for over 200 yards for the second time this season while scoring 3 touchdowns, the Brownies stand at 5-2 with two games left on their schedule.

A victory next week over Ludlow and a win over highly-ranked arch-rival West Springfield on Thanksgiving might place the townies atop the Division One rankings.

Crazy? Of course it is. The following must somehow occur for Agawam to find itself in a post-season bowl: First, West Springfield must defeat Division One frontrunner and undefeated Minnechaug on Saturday.

Westfield, the number two ranked Division One school who pounded Agawam 27-7 three weeks ago, must lose each of its remaining games, including a Thanksgiving Day clash with tough Cathedral...a big if.

Minnechaug, after losing to West Side which is very possible, still must face Suburban League opponent Classical, who has chased the Falcons throughout the season. Even if Minnechaug wins and the above does, indeed, occur the Brownies would place second in Division One and play Minnechaug in the Bowl game.

Attempting to compute the above situation may need a pocket calculator since the Western Mass. schoolboy

rating system, some insiders say, is a test project of IBM Inc.

Michalak, after Saturday's barnburner where junior Paul Dezeille proved once and for all he merits some type of post season recognition, coyly says the Brownies are still in the thick of things.

Regardless of Michalak's motives to fire his charges for the Ludlow game, the third year coach refused to admit that the Brownies are out of it.

"I've seen crazier things happen in my years of coaching. Who knows, maybe we'll be out of it if Westfield wins this Saturday. The whole key is Westfield must lose two and we must win two. Hey," he added, "it's fun to think about anyway."

Dezeille rushed for exactly 202 yards on 38 attempts to duplicate a similar feat on opening day against Cathedral in a 6-0 victory.

He tallied on runs of two, one and 38 yards. Dezeille has 8 TD's on the season and ranks second in the AA Conference in scoring.

The Brownies led 21-7 midway in the third quarter before two fumbles gave EL two quick bursts to paydirt, cutting Agawam's margin to 21-20.

Quarterback Scott Negrucci ended any Spartan hopes of chalking one up in the victory column on a five yard blast into the endzone in the fourth period.

Mike Knight followed each Brownie entrance into paydirt with the extra point.

On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

They can turn a thoroughbred loser into a winner — in just seconds.

Who can? The racing stewards, that's who. So, what makes them so smart? Most probably, it's The Jockey Club's School for Racing Officials.

For stewards (who rule on race violations) and for other track officials the New York-based school provides the skills necessary to maintain the high quality of thoroughbred racing in the United States.

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Generally, officials are drawn from the game's ranks.

But many are alumni of The Jockey Club School, whose informal classes are in session most of the year at either Aqueduct or Belmont Park race tracks.

"I'm one of them," quips John Rotz, Jockey Club steward at the NYRA tracks. Going through the school was a great, great experience for me, providing much of the knowledge so very important in my work.

"I received valuable input on aspects of racing that I had never been exposed to in my 21 years as a professional jockey."

Robert L. Melican, executive director of The Jockey Club, is a graduate of its school. He says many foreign students have attended the classes:

"In 1959, as an example, we began training Japanese racing officials and still continue to do so after 22 years."

"Usually the course — there's no tuition fee involved — runs a minimum of two weeks. But the Japanese spent six-to-eight weeks with us to become thoroughly familiarized with our operation at the tracks. English, French, Australian, Mexican and Irish officials have also attended or school."

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Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

Bob Briggs, Agawam fireman, is finally able to sleep in his own bed these days. His sojourn to New York and immediately going up to camp upon his return to hunt the bow season in Massachusetts was taking toll of him. He ended his misery by bagging a 139 pound, 9 point buck in Tolland.

Bill Duncan was rejoicing the other day. He called to say that he had bagged a button buck the first day of the season, his first deer in six years. Joey Montagna is rumored to have knocked off a 10-pointer in New Marlboro. Steve Blackburn and his dad, Dave, are still chasing the white tail. From all reports there are plenty of bucks running around this year, and many of them are in the monster class. Should be a record harvest if all the deer shot with the bow are tagged and registered.

Many of Vermont's black bears will go into their winter dens early this year, according to Charles Willey, bear project biologist with the Vermont Fish & Game Department.

Willey, whose primary job is to study Vermont black bear and make management recommendations on them, says in examining the remains of bears taken recently by hunters, he has discovered many with empty stomachs. Bears tend to fast for a two-week period before going into winter dens. It gives their stomachs a chance to shrink in preparation for the long winter hibernation according to Willey.

A shortage of fall food supplies triggers the bears urge to go into den. The fasting began late in October, especially in the Northeast Kingdom. This year's beechnut crop was very poor in most areas where beech trees are found.

As a result of early denning in the mountainous and northern sections of Vermont, Willey is predicting about 215 bears will have been taken by hunters by the time the season ends on November 23. The season on bear in Mass. begins November 23. I hope that the bears are not already dened up. We were hoping to run into one this year. In Vermont, September and October showed the greatest number of bears taken in those two months since 1966 when the all-time record of 455 bears were taken during the season.

The Vermont buck season will open this coming Saturday, November 15. A few reminders: it is illegal to transport game taken by another hunter, including dragging out a deer, except in the presence of that hunter. Antlerless deer must be transported with part of the deer open to view. Legal deer shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Sheriff's Track Club Schedules Road Race

The Sheriff's Track club will sponsor a 6.2 mile road race on Saturday, November 22, Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr., announced.

The race will be one of a series of activities in connection with the Peach Basket Festival featuring the tip off classic basketball game between Louisville University and DePaul university at the Springfield Civic center. The contest between these two national basketball powers will take place on Saturday afternoon.

Students and cross country runners from both participating universities have been invited to take part in the road race, Sheriff Ashe said. A host of local runners is expected to participate also. Applications are available at the Springfield YMCA.

Starting and finishing point of the race will be the Springfield Civic Center. Runners will proceed south down Main Street, up Locust, along Hancock, and then to alden and through the Springfield College campus. Runners will then go over Roosevelt avenue and down State Street to the Civic Center.

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Paul Fein

Fein & Partner Take Tennis 1st

Paul Fein, a teaching professional at the Pioneer Valley Racquet Club in Agawam, paired with Val Wilder of Westfield to capture the Miller Lite Tennis Tournament staged at the Meadows Racquet Club in Longmeadow last Sunday.

Fein and Wilder, who easily captured the Springfield City title in September, again routed the opposition en route to the doubles final where they overpowered Harlan Cuklanz and Ted Wheeler, 6-3, 6-2.

Fein also doubles as a freelance tennis writer for several American and foreign tennis magazines such as *Tennis Australia*, *Il Tennista of Italy*, *Tennis World of England*, *Racquets Canada*, and *Tennis Sweden*.

Air National Guard Openings

The Air National Guard at Barnes Airport in Westfield has several openings in the Aircraft Armament Systems and Munitions Systems careers which are essential to effectiveness of the unit and offer some challenging, highly technical training.

The Armament Systems specialist is responsible for loading, inspection and repair of aircraft munitions. The Munitions Systems specialist receives, identifies and safely stores aircraft munitions.

Both jobs, classified as critical to the Air Guard, offer military grade incentives to qualified non-prior service men and women. More information can be obtained by calling the Air Guard Recruiting Office at 568-9215.

Y.M.C.A. First Annual Handball Tournament

The Metropolitan Springfield Y.M.C.A. has established the First Annual Creamer-Lucarino Invitational Handball Doubles Tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th at the Y. Partners ages must total 100 years. According to Joe Bavich, Chairman of the Springfield Handball Club, those matches on court at any given time will total over 900 years.

Sixteen teams from Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut have been invited to participate in this tournament, established in recognition of Tony Lucarino and Don Creamer for their contribution to the sport of handball.

J. Don Creamer of Feeding Hills, Mass a 49 year Y.M.C.A. member, has been active in handball for nearly half a century. In addition to being a runner-up in many competitions, Don has won two Y.M.C.A. championships and two Class B State doubles championships. Both he and Lucarino were instrumental in introducing the game to Bavich.

Tony Lucarino of Springfield, Mass. has played handball in Florida and Massachusetts for 43 years. In addition to his other accomplishments, Tony has won every local Springfield Y.M.C.A. handball singles championship ever held.

Matches begin Friday, November 14th at 7P.M. Awards will be presented to champions and runner-ups.

Unified official playing rules of the game of handball in the United States were published in 1959, issued in cooperation with the Y.M.C.A., the Amateur Athletic Union (A.A.U.) and the United States Handball Association (U.S.H.A.). Handball was introduced into the United States and Canada late in the 19th Century from the game of Irish Hard Handball which originated about 1,000 years ago, considered one of the National games of Ireland. The first International match was the Lawlor-Casey Series of 1887 for the best of 21 games; 10 played in Cork, Ireland and 11 in New York City.

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Junior John Duggan (19) in action. Duggan is only one of the returnees Coach Sartwell will counting on next year.

Despite Putnam Shocker Sartwell And Booters Look Ahead

It's too bad that the Agawam Brownies failed to bump off Putnam in their final outing.

A win surely would have cured many season-long sores which had grown from a failure to mount any sustained attack on the opposition's net.

First-year coach Bob Sartwell maintains that the Putnam setback where the locals allowed two net-benders in the final two minutes added some salt on the wounds.

Offered Sartwell, "We sure would have looked at our season differently if the Putnam game had been in our favor." "We lost 3-2 and it's split milk now," he added in reference to the rain-soaked defeat against the tournament-bound Beavers.

Still, Sartwell was impressed with the booters overall attitude displayed as the season progressed. Initially, the rookie mentor was concerned about the squad's frame of mind when Northampton used them as the soccer ball in a 10-1 seasonal opener in September.

"We were inexperienced going in and despite our 3-9-3 record, the kids never stop trying to improve and gave me a good effort. We didn't have the numbers in the win column, but the effort was there and we can be proud of that."

Sartwell has a bushel of Brownies returning next fall. His biggest loss to graduation is striker Tony Santanello who scored nine of the side's 21 total goals.

Agawam's strength, in the midfield, will be dented only by the graduation of Steve Tetreault, who Sartwell praised as the steadiest performer throughout the fall.

Sartwell platooned most of the way in midfield and should be brimming with experience next season. Tim Guarnieri, Mike Cormier, and Tony Venturini all are back.

Sophomore Kevin Kamyk and Dave Stratton are returnees and Sartwell is expecting JV goalie Art "Crash" Chase to amply guard the nets in replace of senior Ricky Bowe.

"We really do have some quality players in the lineup for next season so hopefully we'll be able to turn things around in our favor," the Brownie caretaker noted.

During mid-season the locals did manage a brief win streak, sandwiching two wins around a 2-2 tie with Longmeadow. But hard times followed.

"We stayed more than competitive for many of our games this season, but we just couldn't put the ball in the net consistently."

Agawam Soccer Association Final Standings

GIRLS 6-8 DIVISION

	WON	LOSS	TIE	POINTS
Tynan's Tigers	6	1	3	15
Piccoli's Tornadoes	6	1	3	15
Phaneuf's Hot Shots	3	3	3	9
Charlie's Angels	2	3	4	8
Drapeau's Blue Angels	1	4	4	6
O'Neil's Green Machine	1	7	1	3

BOYS 6-8 DIVISION

Bassett's Wolves	10	1	0	18
Cosgrove's Cosmos	8	2	0	16
Hyland's Mustangs	7	2	0	14
Sleeper's Tornadoes	5	3	1	11
Wright's Toros	4	3	2	10
Simmons' Apollos	3	5	1	7
Innarelli's Cougars	2	5	2	6
DiMascola's Falcons	3	6	0	6
Rose's Sounders	1	6	2	4
Hollister's Beacons	0	9	0	0

GIRLS 9-10 DIVISION

Barber's Green Machine	8	1	0	16
Whittaker's Blue Angels	6	2	1	13
Piccoli's Tornadoes	5	0	3	13
Tallon's Royals	5	4	1	11
Mickey Roadrunners	1	6	1	3
Auchy's Hot Tamales	1	6	0	2
Weber's Blue Jays	1	7	0	2

BOYS 9-10 DIVISION

Kozloski's Beacons	7	1	1	15
DiLullo's Apollos	6	2	1	13
Sullivan's Mustangs	5	1	2	12
Poole's Falcons	4	2	2	10
Mallieux's Tornadoes	3	2	3	9
Fitzpatrick's Wolves	4	4	0	8
Canto's Toros	1	5	2	4
Mason's Cosmos	1	7	0	2
Emery's Cougars	0	7	1	1

GIRLS 11-14 DIVISION

Warysz's Strikers	8	0	2	18
Welch's Red Hots	7	1	2	16
Nickerson's Blue Bombers	5	3	2	12
Sanderson's Mustangs	4	4	2	10
Vacirca's Warriors	3	5	1	7
Grimaldi's Blue Royals	1	7	1	3
Wright's "The Pits"	0	8	2	2

BOYS 11-12 DIVISION

Merceri's Sounders	8	1	1	17
Bryant's Cougars	8	2	0	16
Barber's Cosmos	6	2	2	14
Sanderson's Mustangs	3	6	1	7
Lane's Tornadoes	1	8	1	3
McLean's Falcons	1	7	1	3

BOYS 13-16 DIVISION*

Walsh's Teamen	4	0	1	9
Stilwell's Cosmos	2	1	1	5
Gerstung's Tornadoes	0	4	0	0

*Two games in this division remain to be played.

DeCosmo Plays AIC Hockey

Tom DeCosmo of 17 Ruth Avenue, Agawam, is a member of the 1980 American International College hockey team.

The 6 foot, 200 pound left winger last year scored 13 goals and had 9 assists for a total of 22 points. He will be counted on by coach LeChance to help the offense.

Tom is the son of Connelo and Claire DeCosmo and is a Business Administration major at AIC.

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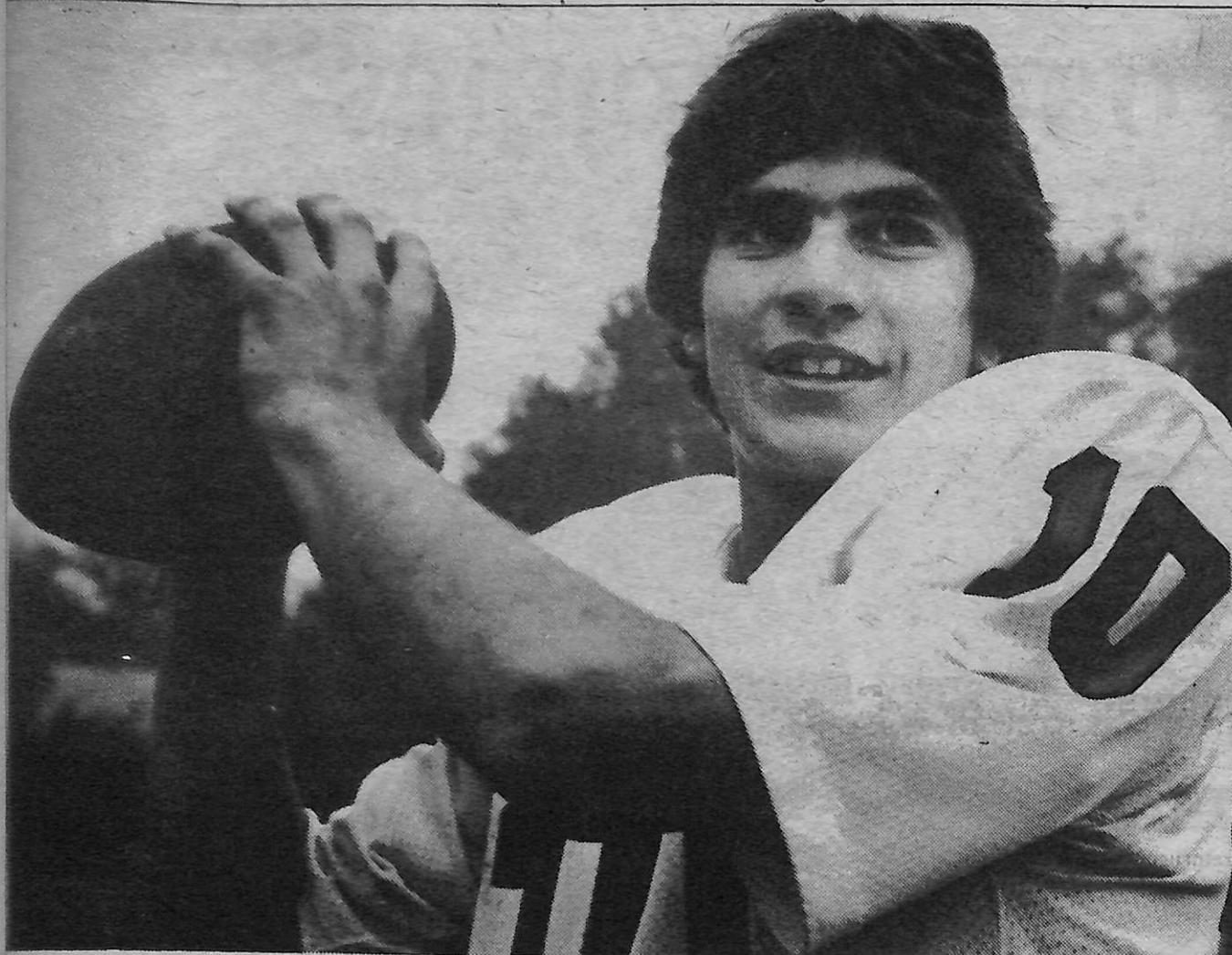
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Leclerc MAY Start Saturday

The Leclerc family still doesn't know whether family-member Ricky will be starting at quarterback Saturday when red-hot University of New Hampshire invades Alumni Stadium at UMass.

But then again, neither does Ricky.

A published report in the *Springfield Morning Union* Monday claimed the former Agawam High star and

now aspiring freshman signal-caller for UNH will get the starting nod in the season's finale against the Minutemen.

The article went on to say that regular UNH QB Dennis Stevens suffered a shoulder separation last week thereby giving Leclerc a starting assignment, his first of the season.

When contacted, Roger Leclerc nor his wife, Fran, could confirm the *Morning Union's* story and admitted being surprised by it.

Ricky had yet to contact home so the mystery continued.

One of five attempts to contact the former All-Western Mass. performer at his Durham, NH campus finally paid off and Ricky, like his parents, was startled by the news account of his starting assignment.

According to Ricky, Stevens has a badly bruised shoulder and a slight separation but has practiced with the squad throughout the week. Whether Stevens can play will be decided Saturday morning, just before the 1:30 pm kickoff.

"It's still up in the air," Ricky said in a phone interview. "The coaches said that if Dennis is not 100 percent, then I'll play but at this point I just can't say."

Regardless of Ricky's status Saturday, the Leclerc family will lead some 20 townies to Alumni Stadium to view the contest. The Leclercs have attended eight of the nine UNH games, several of which saw Ricky being called into active duty due to injuries to Stevens.

Roger coached Ricky during his sophomore year at the high school and currently directs the new gridiron program at Westfield State College.

UNH has struck for six consecutive victories after dropping their first three. Ricky was thrown into the varsity fires during the season's fourth game against Dartmouth.

Trailing 7-0 when he took the control panel, Ricky helped engineer several UNH drives that eventually led to a 27-7 margin of victory.

He completed 4 of 10 passes and passed for a two-point conversion. The win ignited the UNH victory train.

"I really didn't have much time to think about what was happening when I went in against Dartmouth," Ricky commented when asked if the butterflies disquieted his performance. "I'm glad that football back home prepared me so it wasn't so bad. I was just happy we won."

Ricky views Saturday's battle with UMass as a barn-burner since the Minutemen sport an impressive 7-2 mark and remain in contention for a post-season playoff berth.

Ricky began training camp last August 15 and says the entire squad has vastly improved since the summer.

"The whole team is going into Saturday's game with confidence. We'd all like to end the season with our seventh win in a row but it's going to be tough," Ricky offered.

The highly-recruited Brownie is majoring in computer science and says college life suits him well.



Camping Family Style

BY ANGELA AND FORD BOTHWELL

Sometimes the most difficult problems have the simplest solutions.

A family with a lakeside home found that a pair of feisty Canada geese was terrorizing their children and pets. Nothing they did could discourage the bothersome birds.

Finally, they hit upon the idea of cutting a black rubber hose into four-foot lengths, which they placed around the property. The geese disappeared over the lake, never to be seen in the yard again.

The reason? Birds are afraid of snakes, which eat their eggs and their young. The geese apparently recognized the snake shape — and stayed away.

The applications of this novel idea for the camping family are rather obvious. You wouldn't encounter such a bird problem in a normal campground, but you very well could while camping in a more remote area or if you have your own permanent campsite.

You can even use the idea at home if you're bothered by pest birds, particularly in your garden. Fake "snakes" can be purchased at novelty stores or you cut them yourself from black rubber hoses.

Incidentally, we read about the family that solved its goose problem in a recent

Winter Tips: If you're through camping for the year, be sure your camping gear is still available and serviceable for winter power failures and other emergencies.

Keep an adequate supply of liquid fuel on hand for gasoline-powered lanterns and stoves, but don't leave any fuel in the appliances. They should be thoroughly drained. Any fuel left for long periods of time in unused appliances can foul the lines and give you problems next spring.

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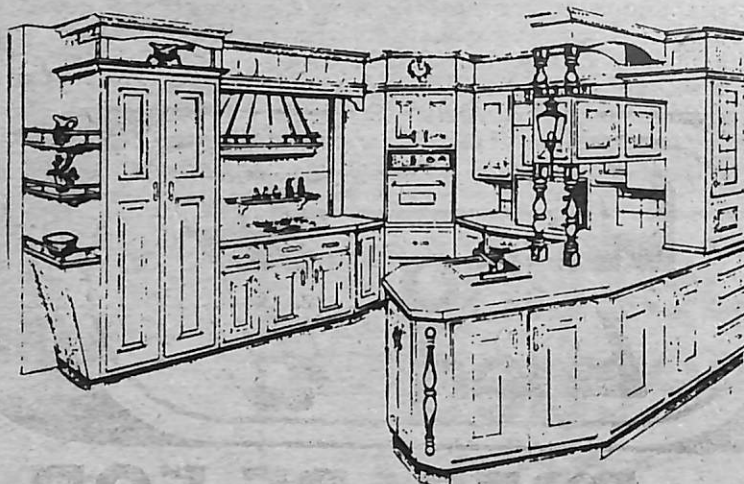


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Although not yet completed, local developer Ralph DePalma has given Feeding Hills Center a new retail boost with his "Crossroads Shoppes" complex scheduled to open within two weeks. DePalma has room for three more tenants. According to the developer, the new merchant area, designed to complement the village atmosphere of Feeding Hills Center, should provide Feeding Hills and Agawam residents with a new shopping outlet at the four-corners intersection. Specialty shoppes are scheduled to occupy "Crossroads Shoppes." Photo by Jack Devine.

DePalma Prepares For Big Opening

Agawam shoppers and especially those in the Feeding Hills area will soon enjoy a new village merchant area that is tentatively scheduled to open its doors late next week, according to developer Ralph DePalma.

The merchant area, to be named Crossroad Shoppes in conjunction with the four-corners intersection in Feeding Hills Center, is situated just behind the Crossroads Furniture Store and Feeding Hills Hardware.

DePalma broke ground in mid-August on the two-story, 7,200 sq. ft. building. Each tenant, according to DePalma, will receive 800 sq. ft. unless an individual tenant wishes to expand to 1600 sq. ft. on the first floor.

Thus far, DePalma has five tenants; a new flower shop, Feeding Hills Flower Shop; Huskin Rugs and Carpeting, Inc., who have added a branch to their Boston Road operation; Crossroads Gift Shoppe, which is an expansion of the adjacent furniture store under the ownership of Bernie Os; The Piece-Makers, a fabric and quilt store with quilting classes, to be operated by Suzanne Ashe, a well-known local craftsperson.

On the second floor, Richard C. Aldrich of Nationwide Insurance will relocate from his present Springfield Street site.

DePalma says he has room for an additional three tenants and will finish off that section of the building in order to suit the needs of a future tenant.

The building is southern colonial in style with a brick facade. Four big pillars give Crossroad Shoppes an old-village-like appearance, which DePalma says will maintain the quaint atmosphere of Feeding Hills Center.

DePalma says both the adjacent hardware and furniture stores are considered part of the new retail and office area and that next spring he may add another merchant-type building similar to the new one.

DePalma says each store probably will hold a grand opening and that Feeding Hills Flower Shoppe, under the ownership of Phyllis Hout has scheduled a Christmas Open House.

DePalma, who is employed by Bay State Gas, bought the parcel last year and promptly renovated the building which now houses Crossroads Furniture and Feeding Hills Hardware. The building is almost 150 years old.

"I think people will really support this new merchant area and it will be a plus for the entire Center area and for Agawam," DePalma said. "Right now, we're just putting the finishing touches on and we expect to be more than ready for the Holiday Season."

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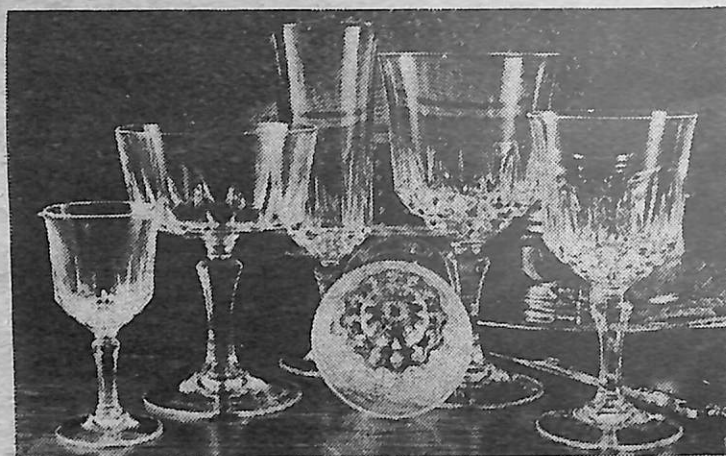
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